

**SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE**  
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Stephen Winslow, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development

**MEETING MINUTES**    Tuesday, March 21, 2006, City Hall

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**    Alan, Ron, Greg, Peter, Steve  
**GUESTS:**    Minona Heaviland, Tyler Oulton, Doris Schartel, Ellie Botchon,  
Nicole Friedman

**1. Minutes** - Alan called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The January and February meeting minutes were approved.

**2. Officer elections** - Alan was re-elected as Chair; Peter was elected as Vice Chair; Greg was re-elected as Secretary; all by acclimation.

**3. Applicants for Committee membership** - The Committee recommended the names of Tyler Oulton and Doris Schartel to be forwarded to the Mayor for membership.

**4. Davis Square/MHD project** - Steve recapped the response of attendees at the March meeting of the Davis Square Task Force to the proposed improvements to the plaza, and the path connections to it. A straw poll of those at the DSTF meeting showed no or little interest in routing the path on any portion of the existing plaza, or adjacent streets. What was left were signs directing cyclists to dismount as they crossed the plaza area. Steve will meet with MassHighway on March 24 to make recommendations, such as a bike box on Holland St. and Dover St., with a left turn only for bicycles, with signal improvements, to access the busway. Several more suggestions were made, and incorporated into a motion.

MOTION: That the following recommendations be communicated to MHD and it's consultant for the Davis Sq. Plaza area:

- 1) examine installing a bike lane and a raised traffic table on Holland St.
- 2) examine either a contra-flow lane or a raised path on Meacham Rd. and Dover St.-to-Holland St.

Passed unanimously.

Greg asked if the Linear Park would be repaved as part of this MHD project. Steve replied that the budget is being worked to include it.

MOTION: To amend the previous motion to include repaving Linear Park.

Passed unanimously.

**5. Letter to MPO -**

MOTION: To approve sending Alan's letter [SBC supports keeping the Community Path and related City transportation projects in the FY 06 and 07 TIPs] to the chair of the Boston area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Passed unanimously.

**6. City Report - Steve**

Community Path- General liability insurance quote received; to Somerville Redevelopment Authority, which would control CP; Steve described the three alternatives for the Phase 2/School St. to Cambridge Line portion of the CP that will be presented at the April 6 community meeting, at the East Somerville Community School; a "bridge walk" of the route will precede the meeting.

**7. Subcommittees -**

Historical Tour: Greg will contact Dereck Mangus about making a poster; Tyler will talk to the Police Dept. about escorts.

New subcommittee: Lowell St. Access (to the CP)- Alan, Ron, Steve, Tyler, Asher Miller

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 18, at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary